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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Steven Teig, et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: **Method and Apparatus for Using
Connection Graphs with Potential
Diagonal Edges to Model Interconnect
Topologies During Placement**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000. **Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-42 and 65-87 be canceled (pursuant to the amendment below) before calculation of the filing fee.**